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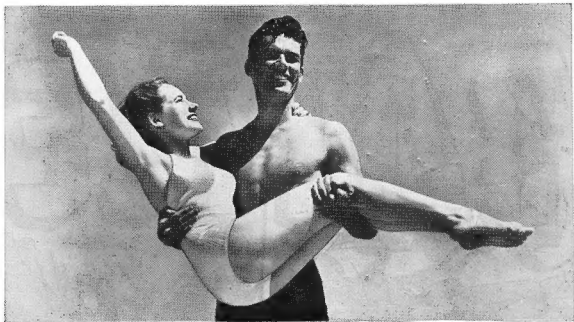
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ABOUT A YEAR AGO, OUR READERS THRILLED TO THE DEATH-DEFYING BATTLE FEATS OF THE FOUR MANATELLI BROTHERS! NOW, IN RESPONSE TO THE MANY REQUESTS WITH WHICH WE'VE BEEN DELUGED, WE ARE HAPPY TO BRING YOU ANOTHER ADVENTURE ON THE BATTLEFIELD WITH THIS FEARLESS FOURSOME!

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ME!



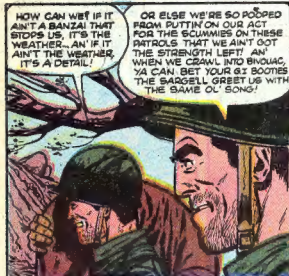
BUT THAT'S OKAY,
BOYS! I'M PROUD OF
YA! THE ACT'S GETTIN'
BETTER WITH EVERY
PATROL! NOW LET'S
GATHER UP THIS
GARBAGE AND
GIT!

WE WERE GETTIN'
PRETTY STALE
UNTIL YA GOT THE
IDEA OF US
VOLUNTEERIN'
FOR EVERY PATROL.
TONY...SO WE
COULD PRACTICE
OUR ACT! EVERY
TIME WE TRIED TO
DO IT IN BINOUAC,
SOMETHIN' WOULD
HAPPEN!



YEAH! JUST LIL
THINGS...LIKE A
RED BANZAL-OR
INFILTRATORS...OR
THAT BUTTINSKI
SERGEANT
ROCKY!

HIM WE GOTTA MAKE
EAT THEM INSULTS HE'S
ALWAYS HEAVIN' AT US...
JUST 'CAUSE WE
PROMISED TO PUT ON
OUR ACT FOR THE
DOGGIES AN' DIDN'T!



HOW CAN WE! IF IT
AIN'T A BANZAL THAT
STOPS US, IT'S THE
WEATHER...AN' IF IT
AIN'T THE WEATHER,
IT'S A DETAIL!

OR ELSE WE'RE SO POOPED
FROM PUTTIN' ON OUR ACT
FOR THE SCUMMIES ON THESE
PATROLS THAT WE AIN'T GOT
THE STRENGTH LEFT! AN'
WHEN WE CRAWL INTO BINOUAC,
YA CAN BET YOUR GI BOOTIES
THE SARGE'LL GREET US WITH
THE SAME OL' SONG!

AND TONY IS RIGHT! AN HOUR LATER, THEY'RE BACK IN
BINOUAC...AND THE FIRST MAN TO SPOT THEM IS
SERGEANT ROCKY...



WELL, WELL, THE WANDERIN'
MANATELLI BROTHERS ARE
BACK WITH SEVEN RED BAGS
FULL! AN' I SUPPOSE THAT'S
GONNA BE YOUR EXCUSE
FOR NOT PUTTIN' ON
YER ACT AGAIN!

YEAH! THAT'S OUR
EXCUSE! NOW DO YA
THINK WE GOT THESE
REDS...WON'T EA IN
A CRAP GAME?



AW, IT'S JUST LIKE
I BEEN SAYIN, THE FOUR
MANATELLI BROTHERS
AREN'T ACROBATS...
THEY'RE FOUR SHYNY
BALONEYS!

OH, YEAH? WELL,
WE'RE GONNA
MAKE YA CHOKE
ON THEM WORDS,
SARGE! WE'LL PUT
ON THE ACT
RIGHT NOW!



HUH? AW, TONY, FOR
CRIPES SAKES! WE CAN'T
DO IT...WE'RE TOO BEAT
AN' THE ACT'S TOO
TOUGH TO DO ON TIRE
MUSCLES AN' NO
CHOW!

BUT TONY SAYS THE SHOW MUST GO ON,
AND TONY'S THE HEADMAN OF THE ACT,
SO THE SHOW GOES ON...



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ACT WILL FEATURE US IN THE
HUMAN TOTEM POLE...
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THE FOUR BROTHERS GO INTO THEIR FAMOUS TOTEM POLE ROUTINE...TONY FIRST, THEN PETE, THEN ANGIE...AND THEN JOE!



TONY'S TIRED MUSCLES CAN'T TAKE THE TERRIFIC STRAIN AND THE HUMAN TOTEM POLE COLLAPSES...



SORRY, FELLAS...WE'RE TOO POOPED FOR THAT ONE, BUT THIS NEXT ROUTINE...THE TIGHT ROPE WALK...ANGIE CAN DO IT WITH HIS EYES SHUT!



ANGIE GETS ON THE ROPE STRETCHED BETWEEN TWO POLES AND STARTS HIS STROLL...



AND A FEW STEPS LATER, HIS TIRED EYES GET BLURRY...AND HE SLIPS...



HA! THIS IS EVEN BETTER THAN I THOUGHT...AN' I WAS WRONG! THE FOUR MANATELLI BROTHERS GOT AN ACT ALL RIGHT, BUT THEY AIN'T ACROBATS...THEY'RE KOREAN COMEDIANS!



AMID THE STORM OF LAUGHTER, TONY RAISES HIS ARMS FOR SILENCE AND STARTS TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT...



THE FOUR MANATELLI BROTHERS BOW! THE APPLAUSE THEY'RE USED TO DOESN'T FOLLOW...ONLY BRONX CHEERS AND BOOS...BUT THEY MAKE THEIR EXIT LIKE REAL TROUPERS...



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THE LONG COLUMN OF DOGGIES MOVES UP THE HILL LIKE A GIANT OLIVE-GREEN SNAKE...



AN HOUR LATER WHEN THEY REACH THE PEAK, THE CAPTAIN SEARCHES THE VALLEY WITH HIS BINOCULARS...



PERMISSION IS GRANTED AND THE FOUR DOGGIES LEAVE THE HILLTOP FOR THEIR SCOUTING MISSION IN THE VALLEY.





THE KILL-CRAZY RED CHARGES AT TONY, AND TONY JUMPS UP AND GRABS AN OVERHANGING BRANCH... THEN MAKES LIKE A SWINO...



THE GRENADE FALLS INTO THE QUILTED BASKET AND JOE HITS THE DIRT JUST AS THE RED DISAPPEARS IN A BLOT OF ORANGE-RED FIRE!





AND AFTER THE LAST RED IS NAILED, THE FOUR
MANATELLI BROTHERS HEAR A FAMILIAR RUMBLE...
APPLAUSE! AND THEY GET THE BIGGEST HAND
OF THEIR CAREER...

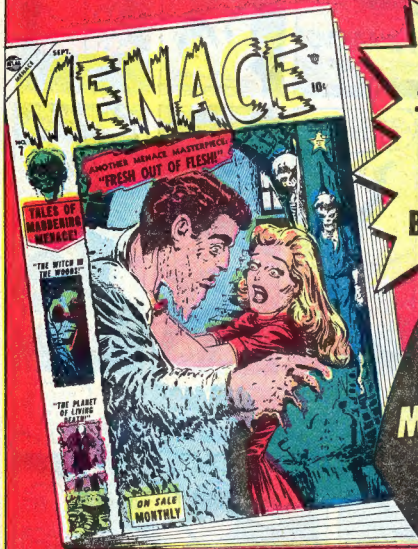
THE FOUR MANATELLI BROTHERS, BEING REAL
TROUPEURS, TAKE A BOW... FOR THIS, THEIR
GREATEST PERFORMANCE...



FOR THE BEST IN WAR TALES LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER!



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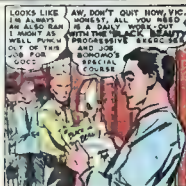
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THE RED SQUAD WAS OUT HUNTING FOR HIM...THEY WERE CLOSING IN! AND ALL HE HAD LEFT TO KEEP THEM OFF WAS HIS...

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FUNNY, WHEN WE STARTED OUT, IT SEEMED LIKE ANOTHER ROUTINE RECONNAISSANCE PATROL!... "TRAVEL LIGHT," THE C.O. SAID! "JUST TAKE YOUR .45! THAT'S ALL YOU'LL NEED..."



YEAH, WE TRAVELED LIGHT AND FAST! IT WASN'T EVEN DAWN WHEN WE CRAWLED UNDER THE BARBED WIRE AND WORKED OUR WAY DEEP INTO NO MAN'S LAND...

ONE Lousy SLUG!... BETTER LOAD IT INTO THE PISTOL FAST! I'LL BE NEEDING IT SOON! THE REDS ARE BOUND TO FIND ME IN A FEW MINUTES, BUT THEY **WON'T** TAKE ME BEFORE I PLUG **ONE MORE** COMMIE!



DOWN!... COMMIE PATROL NOSING AROUND UP AHEAD!





THEY'RE JUST RECLAIMING WEAPONS FROM THE DEAD REDS WE CUT DOWN LAST NIGHT!

WHAT A SET-UP, HARRY! I COULD UNLOAD MY A5 BEFORE THEY KNEW WHAT HIT 'EM!

EASE OFF THE TRIGGER! OUR JOB'S TO LOCATE AND STUDY THE REDS' POSITION, NOT TO TRY WINNING THE WAR OURSELVES!

ALRIGHT, HARRY!... BUT WE WON'T GET A SWEET TARGET LIKE THAT VERY OFTEN!

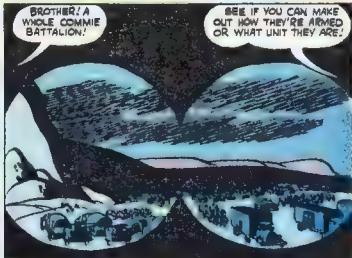


IT WASN'T EASY RESISTING THE TEMPTATION TO SHOOT UP THOSE REDS, BUT WE HAD A MISSION...AND AS THE COMMIES PULLED BACK, WE INCHED FORWARD...



OVER HERE! I'VE GOT A VIEW TO MAKE YOUR EYES POP!

WHAT'S UP? DID A COUPLE OF U.S.O. GIRLS GET LOST OUT THERE?



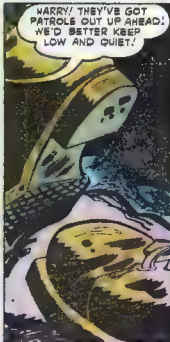
BROTHER! A WHOLE COMMIE BATTALION!

SEE IF YOU CAN MAKE OUT HOW THEY'RE ARMED OR WHAT UNIT THEY ARE!

BILL CHECKED 'EM WITH THE BINOCULARS AND ED NOTED DOWN THE STUFF...IT DIDN'T ADD UP PRETTY FOR OUR SIDE...



LET'S SCRAM! IF WE CAN GET THIS INFORMATION BACK TO OUR ARTILLERY, THEY MAY BE ABLE TO CHOP UP THAT BATTALION BEFORE THEY MOVE OUT!



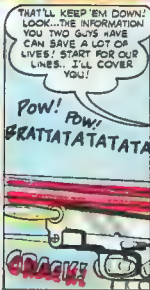
HARRY! THEY'VE GOT PATROLES OUT UP AHEAD! WE'D BETTER KEEP LOW AND QUIET!



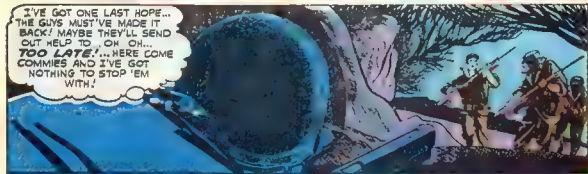
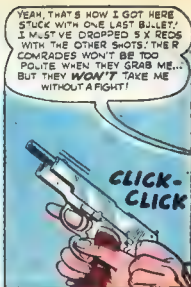
THUP!



WE STAYED LOW AS THE REDS SPREAD OUT AND STARTED CIRCLING US! I POKED MY HEAD UP JUST LONG ENOUGH TO AIM, AND...



I SAW THEM RAKE AWAY...DASHING FROM COVER TO COVER EVERY FEW YARDS! I KEPT PEPPER'NG AWAY AT THE COMMIES WITH MY .45, AND THE REDS NEVER GOT OFF A SHOT AT MY BUDDIES! THEN I LOOKED DOWN AT THE EMPTY CLIPS 'N THE SHELL HOLE AROUND ME...





AS THE REDS RAISED THEIR RIFLES TO FIRE, HIS .45 BARKED FIRST...



WITH THE SICKENING PRESENCE OF DEATH ALL AROUND THEM, AND THE SMOKING .45 THAT CAUSED IT WAVYING FROM ONE TO THE OTHER AT POINT-BLANK RANGE, THE REDS LET THEIR WEAPONS FALL...



THE REDS MOVED LIKE SILENT PUPPETS AS HARRY PRODDED THEM ON, HIS .45 JABBING THEM IN THE BACK...



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FROM up ahead, on the Wonjo front, a sound of bugles came. Then the yelling began, as the North Korean battalion in possession of that sector of the front, swarmed out of their trenches.

Across the uneven ground came the first attack wave, preceded by a mortar bombardment.

In the foxhole occupied by Privates Tim Henty, Joe Haskins and Rud Carson, Joe Haskins hastily put away a small book he was reading.

Tim Henty cast him a side-long glance.

"What's so interestin', Joe?" he asked.

Haskins averted his eyes.

"Nothin'," he said. His hand tightened on his rifle.

"You're always readin' that blasted thing," Rud Carson remarked, smiling. "Smatter, comic books not good enough for you?"

Haskins fixed his eyes ahead.

"Tell you some other time," he said evasively.

"Okay, boys, here we go," Henty said suddenly.

Down the line sounded the UN bugle.

From out of the trenches boiled line after line of troops, rifles to the ready.

The North Korean mortar bombardment stopped suddenly.

Loping along, Haskins grunted.

"They're comin' fast!" He began firing from the hip.

The North Korean regulars, ignoring a withering blast of fire advanced toward the first line of trenches. Already, every UN

soldier was out of them; the rest crowded up, pouring ahead.

The two forces met with a fearful shock.

Haskins fired rapidly. Ahead of him two grinning reds went down. A third jumped Tim Henty.

Henty went flying, face downward, toward the ground.

Haskins tried to bring his gun to bear, but failed in the confined space. He looked up desperately to see the enemy soldier raising his bayonet-pointed gun above Henty's body.

Crack!

It was Rud Carson's gun.

The enemy soldier froze, his downward thrust cut off in mid-air. The gun fell from his hands, impaled itself in the earth. Then he crumpled, dead before he hit the ground.

Haskins tried to move ahead. He saw Henty pick himself up, level his gun, open fire. Then all three guns became spitting irons of flame.

The enemy line began to crack; now the attack, having lost its first momentum, ebbed back here and there. The UN trio found themselves pushing grimly ahead and to the left, toward a number of peasant huts just out of the line of fire, not yet evacuated since the UN line had advanced to that point the previous week.

Then again bugles rang out far behind the enemy lines.

"They're callin' retreat!" Henty yelled. "Come on!"

"It's a trap!" Haskins cried, grabbing at him. "That's just what they want us to do."

As if to confirm his words, UN bugles blew a slow retreat.

Slowly, their faces toward the enemy, the UN forces went back to their previous positions, faces tense, eyes toward the sky.

The North Korean front erupted suddenly with mortar fire. Whining, screaming, whole flights of shells roared down into the positions from which the UN had retreated.

"It was a trap, all right," Carson muttered. He watched the line of fire creeping slowly toward them as the enemy gunners advanced the range. "Where the devil's our own...?"

Henty smiled grimly.

"Comin', son!" He glanced back. "Uncle Sammie artillery ain't forgettin' us!"

Behind them, with a low mutter that grew in intensity the UN artillery answered the North Korean barrage. Brackets of big-bore shells began falling far behind the enemy lines, coming down on enemy gun positions. Abruptly the red onslaught slackened, quickly died away. The last thunders of the attack faded away.

"I dunno," Henty said curiously. "They know they can't bust through our lines. Yet they're willin' to lose men by the hundreds."

"They're tryin' to wear us out," Haskins said. "They got men to throw away. They can afford to use terror tactics. Terror's what it boils down to. They figure they can break our morale." His jaw hardened. "But they won't."

"It may not take much more," Carson muttered. "Maybe they'll try something else."

They were marching back to their positions, skirting the

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peasant huts.

"You seen Ike Burks and Bill Forbes?" Henty asked. "They were on patrol last night, and..."

"Holy Mackerell!"

It was Carson who had spoken, and his voice trembled in horror.

He pointed to a foxhole.

The other two men stopped dead in their tracks, eyes wide.

In the foxhole lay the bodies of Ike Burks and Bill Forbes, and their throats were cut.

"I kinda missed 'em durin' the battle," Haskins said huskily.

Haskins stepped down into the foxhole, carefully examined the bodies without touching them.

A G.I. came straggling past, halted.

"Smatter, bud?" Henty said, stepping forward. He caught the man as he stood there, staring, swaying a little. "You seen dead bodies before, haven't ya?"

"N-N-Not just this once," the soldier stammered. "That's the second pair I've seen with their throats cut. They found another patrol down the line that way a couple of hours ago, but they were keepin' it dark—until now!"

"I never saw anything like this before," Carson said hoarsely. "Throats cut! It—it's almost as if men didn't do it, but..."

"What do you mean?" Henty asked, hesitantly.

Carson looked at him darkly.

"These foxholes are behind our first line of defense, aren't they?"

Henty nodded.

"Well, Ike and Bill were killed here. They never got near the enemy. And the Commies never got into our lines this far."

"You..." Henty began and stopped. "You—you ain't suggestin' our own men killed their buddies, are you?"

Carson shot him an uneasy glance.

Haskins came out of the foxhole.

"That's just what the enemy wants us to think, I'll bet," he said. "That or making us think they can cut throats at a distance."

"Well, who killed 'em?" Henty demanded. "If it wasn't their own buddies, or the Commies, what was it—magic?"

Haskins glanced carefully around; his eyes were alert and keen.

"I don't know yet," he said thoughtfully. "Obviously the command-post hasn't found out



why the other two patrols died, or we'd know by now. We'd be warned." Haskins paused and looked at the other G.I. "You didn't hear anything, did you?"

The other shook his head.

"Alright," Haskins voice was hard. "We'd better act fast—and on our own. If this goes on, morale will crack."

"You got any ideas?" Henty asked grimly.

Haskins glanced up toward the peasant huts.

"I think so," he said. "Come on!"

All three other G.I.s followed him up to the huts. They routed out four trembling peasants.

"One of 'em did it," Haskins

said. "It had to be a one-man terror job. Two men would have attracted too much attention. But no soldiers would pay much attention to just one peasant—until he somehow cut their throats. Search 'em!"

Minutes later the contents of their ragged clothes were laid out on the ground. Haskins examined them briefly. Then he glanced up.

"That one!" he barked, pointing to the youngest.

The man tried to run. Carson put out a foot. The Korean peasant tripped over it. Seconds later they had his hands tied behind him.

Haskins grinned.

"The others are innocent," he said. "But this one's due for hanging. We'll have to take him back to the Captain."

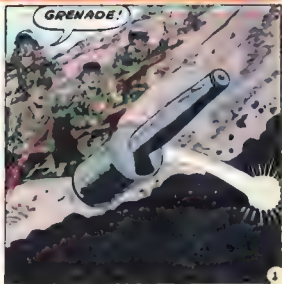
"How can you be sure, Haskins, Carson asked, wide-eyed. Haskins pointed to the prisoner's feet.

"There were marks of clogs around the foxhole, the wooden shoes peasants wear. Soldiers couldn't march on clogs. I know it had to be a peasant. The second clue was this," he held up a cigarette stub. "It's made from Korean tobacco—and it's made with newspaper, the only paper they can get." He bent, picked up a cigarette they'd taken from the prisoner. "This one just matches part of the stub he dropped in the foxhole at the tear junction. That's how I knew it was him out of the four. He's a Commie spy, paid by the enemy to terrorize us." Haskins grinned again. "And if you're wondering how I've got an eye for stuff like this, I used to be a private one back in the States before I enlisted. "He drew a book from under his jacket. "That book you asked me about is just about detection. I gotta keep up with deduction against the time I get back to being a private private eye!"

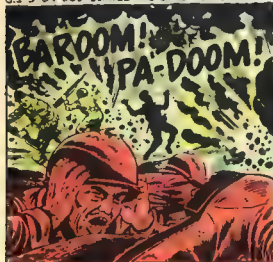
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IF THE U.S. INFANTRY WAS TO PUSH ON TO TUNIS AND VICTORY IN THE NORTH AFRICAN CAMPAIGN, THEN THE GERMAN-HELD HILL HAD TO BE TAKEN...FOR IT WAS THE GATEWAY NORTH! BUT THE KRAUTS HAD ORDERS NOT TO SURRENDER

HILL 609!



AS THE GERMAN GRENADES ROLLED DOWNHILL, THE G.I.'S ON 609 CRAWLED THE SAND FOR COVER...



AGAIN THE DOUGHS OF THE 34TH DIVISION CRAWLED UPWARD, THIS TIME, UNDER THE COVER OF NIGHT...



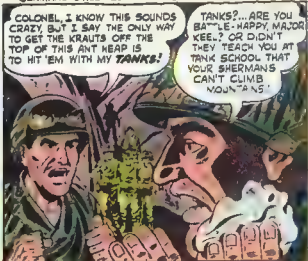
BUT THE GERMAN OUT-GUARDS SAW THEM COMING AND CASUALLY ROLLED A WARM, EXPLOSIVE WELCOME DOWNHILL.



ONCE MORE, THE INFANTRY COLONEL SAW HIS WOUNDED MEN HELPED DOWN THE UNCONQUERED HILL 609...



AN HOUR LATER, THE COLONEL PULLED HIS MEN BACK, THE GERMANS STILL HELD THE PASS TO TUNIS AND VICTORY...



COLONEL, I KNOW THIS SOUNDS CRAZY, BUT I SAY THE ONLY WAY TO GET THE KRAUTS OFF THE TOP OF THIS ANT HEAP IS TO HIT 'EM WITH MY TANKS!

TANKS?... ARE YOU BATTLE-HAPPY, MAJOR KEEL? OR DIDN'T THEY TEACH YOU AT TANK SCHOOL THAT YOUR SHERMANS CAN'T CLIMB MOUNTAINS?

CLINGING TO THE HILLSIDE AND BURROWING IN THE LOOSE SAND FOR COVER, THE EXPOSED G.I.'S, FACED AN AVALANCHE OF GRENADES

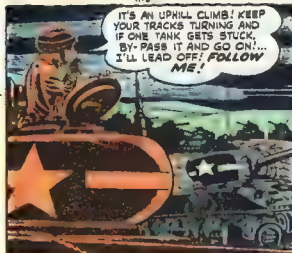


TANKS CAN DO PLENTY WHEN YOU PUSH 'EM! LOSING A HUNK OF STEEL IS A LOT CHEAPER THAN LOSING A G.I.!

I DON'T LIKE WATCHING MY MEN GET HIT, MAJOR. ALL RIGHT, IT'S YOUR BABY! BUTTON UP AND MOVE OFF!



SEVENTEEN SHERMAN TANKS OF THE 34TH DIVISION
FELL INTO LINE, AS MAJOR KEEL JUMPED ABOARD
HIS



IT'S AN UPHILL CLIMB! KEEP
YOUR TRACKS TURNING AND
IF ONE TANK GETS STUCK,
BY-PASS IT AND GO ON!...
I'LL LEAD OFF! FOLLOW
ME!

LIKE A GIANT SNAKE, THE TANK COLUMN WOUND UPHILL,
AS THE LEAD TANK PLOWED INTO THE SANDY SLOPE...



W-WE'RE
BACKSLIDING,
SIR!

GUN THE MOTOR! IF WE GET STUCK
HERE, THE WHOLE COLUMN'LL BE
STOPPED!

BUT IN THE LOOSE SAND, THE HEAVY
TANKS TREADS SPAN USELESSLY...

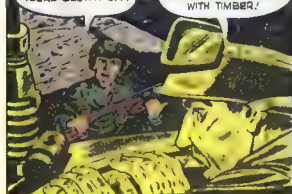


ONE BY ONE, THE TANKS TRIED TO
PASS MAJOR KEEL'S LEAD SHERMAN,
ONLY TO END UP ALONGSIDE IT...
STOPPED COLD...



OPEN UP, KEEL! I
WANT A WORD WITH
YOU!

LOOK, KEEL, YOUR TANKS
ARE SPREAD OUT HERE
IN PERFECT FORMATION
FOR GERMAN MORTARS!
GET 'EM DOWN OFF THIS
SLOPE AND STAY OFF
THIS HILL BEFORE
YOU'RE BLOWN OFF!



BUT, COLONEL, WE'VE
COME A THIRD OF THE
WAY UP! ONCE WE
TOP THE NEXT RISE,
OUR 75'S WILL HAVE
A PERFECT FIELD OF
FIRE! LET ME TRY TO
SHORE UP THE ROAD
WITH TIMBER!

ALL RIGHT, KEEL!
I'LL GIVE YOU TEN
MINUTES! IF YOU
DON'T GET ABOVE
HERE IN THAT TIME...
YOU'RE PULLING
OUT!



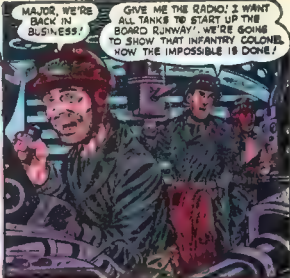
WE'LL MAKE IT, SIR!
WE'VE GOT TO IF WE'RE
GOING TO TAKE BOB
WITHOUT LOSING HALF
OUR INFANTRY!

WITH DESPERATE HASTE, THE TANKERS PLACED BOARDS BEHIND AND IN FRONT OF THE HALTED SHERMANS AND RACED THEIR MOTORS...



IT'S NOT TAKING!
IT'S JUST STAYING...

LOOK NOW!...IT'S MOVING!
IT'S STARTING UPHILL AGAIN!



MAJOR, WE'RE
BACK IN
BUSINESS!

GIVE ME THE RADIO! I WANT
ALL TANKS TO START UP THE
BOARD RUNWAY! WE'RE GOING
TO SHOW THAT INFANTRY COLONEL
HOW THE IMPOSSIBLE IS DONE!



MAJOR KEEL TO ALL TANKS!...WHEN YOU TOP THE
RISE AHEAD, FAN OUT AND START YOUR 75'S
POPPING! JERRY'LL BE RIGHT ABOVE YOU!

AND HIGH ABOVE, NEAR THE CREST OF HILL 609, GERMAN
OFFICERS GAZED DOWNWARD NERVOUSLY.



ACH! HMMEL!
TANKS!

BUT IT CAN'T BE!
TANKS CAN'T CLIMB
UP LIKE THAT!

BEFORE THE STARTLED
GERMANS COULD ACT, THE
SHERMANS' 75'S FLASHED
FREE



SHELL AFTER SHELL WAS
SLAMMED INTO THE GERMAN
LINES



THE SAND BARRICADES
WERE USELESS AGAINST
THE HEAVY EXPLOSIVES...



STUNNED BY THE LETHAL
ONSLAUGHT OF THE 75'S,
THE GERMANS MADE A
DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO
STOP THE TANKS!
DEMOLITION MEN RACED
DOWNHILL ON A SUICIDE
MISSION...





KIMMEL! WE CAN'T REACH THE TANKS!

FORWARD! IF YOU TURN BACK, I WILL KILL YOU!



KRAUTS ARE COMING WITH SATCHEL CHARGES!

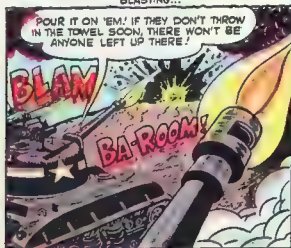
THESE TANKERS SAVED OUR SKINS! LET'S SAVE THEIR HULLS! COME ON!



AIEEE!

OKAY, YOU CRUMMY KRAUTS, WE LIKE THE VIEW FROM UP HERE! WE'RE TAKING OVER!

THE GERMAN SUICIDE CHARGE HUNG UP ON THE G.I.'S BAYONETS, THE TANKS CONTINUED THEIR DEADLY BLASTING...



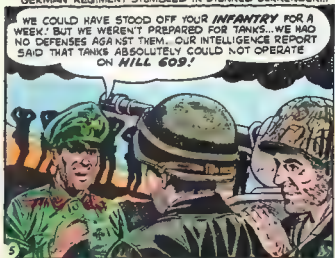
POUR IT ON 'EM! IF THEY DON'T THROW IN THE TOWEL SOON, THERE WON'T BE ANYONE LEFT UP THERE!



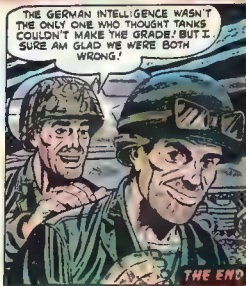
LOOK, MAJOR KEEL! ...A WHITE FLAG!

ALL TANKS... CEASE FIRE!

DOWN FROM THE CREST OF SHELL-TORN HILL 609, THE VAUNTED GERMAN REGIMENT STUMBLED IN STUNNED SURRENDER...



WE COULD HAVE STOOD OFF YOUR INFANTRY FOR A WEEK! BUT WE WEREN'T PREPARED FOR TANKS...WE HAD NO DEFENSES AGAINST THEM...OUR INTELLIGENCE REPORT SAID THAT TANKS ABSOLUTELY COULD NOT OPERATE ON HILL 609!



THE GERMAN INTELLIGENCE WASN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO THOUGHT TANKS COULDN'T MAKE THE GRADE! BUT I SURE AM GLAD WE WERE BOTH WRONG!

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A LAST DESPERATE BID SWEEPED THEM TO THE CREST...

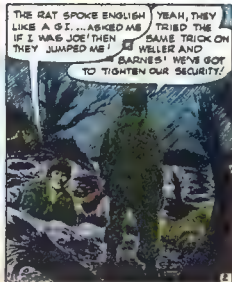


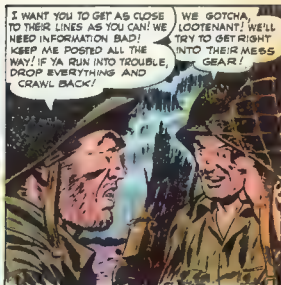
THEIR DEFENSES SMASHED, THE REDS BROKE IN PANICKED RETREAT...





NIGHT CAME TO CEMETERY HILL, BUT THE QUIET WAS DECEPTIVE...





SLOWLY, INCHING THEIR WAY ACROSS THE SWELL-POCKED AREA, THEY NEARED THE RED LINES...

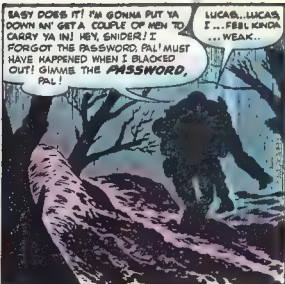
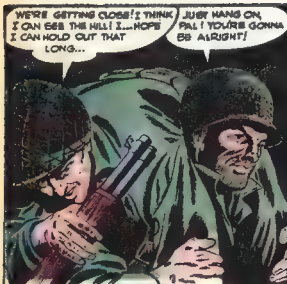


THEY GOT NO FURTHER THAN FIFTY YARDS WHEN...



LUCAS' BLACKOUT EASED QUICKLY...





LEAVING HIS BUDDY, LUCAS CRAWLED TOWARD ONE OF THE OUTPOSTS...

WHATTA SNARLY SITUATION TO BE IN! BUT I GOTTA GET WORD TO THE LOOTENANT ABOUT THE RED BUILD-UP!



I'M CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO FIRES! I'VE GOTTA SLUG IT OUT WITH THE COMMIES TO GIVE THE PLATOON A CHANCE TO GO INTO ACTION!



C'MON, YA DIRTY, CRAWLIN' SNAKES! EAT SOME OF THIS HOT SHRAPNEL!



CRAPES! THEY SEEM TO BE COMIN' OUT OF THE GROUND! IF THAT PLATOON DON'T SHOW UP SOON, I'LL BE PLOWED UNDER!



THE PLATOON WAS ALREADY ON ITS WAY...

SOMEBODY'S STALLIN' THE REDS DOWN THERE! IT'S OUR CHANCE TO WIP 'EM OUT! SEND UP A FLARE, BENSON!

IT'S ON THE WAY, LOOTENANT!



BATHED IN THE FLARE LIGHT, THE REDS BECAME GLARING TARGETS...



WHEN THE BATTLE WAS OVER THEY FOUND LUCAS WITH A CREASE IN HIS HEAD...

I TRIED TO WARN YA... TRIED TO GET THRU, BUT THE GUARDS KEPT THROWING LEAD AT ME 'CAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW THE PASSWORD! I... FORGOT...

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HOW COULD YOU! HES! SN-DER'S COMING TO! SIT H-M UP, BENSON!



PASSWORD? WHY, YA MUST HAVE ROCKS IN YER HEAD! I TRIBO TO TELL YA A DOZEN TIMES! IT WAS LUCAS... LUCAS, YER OWN NAME!

ANYHOW, IT'S A GOOD THING YOU DIDN'T FORGET HOW TO PUMP A BAR!

OH, MY ACHIN' HEAD!



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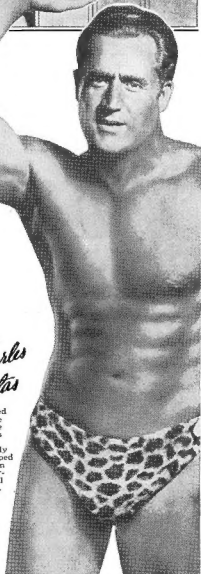
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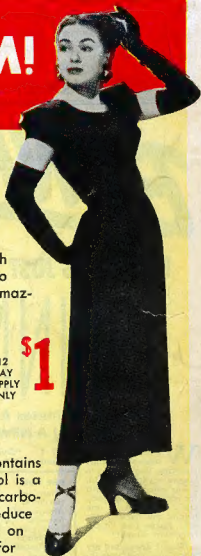
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